IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1623

NANDI ET AL.

Examiner: Michael C. Henry

APPLICATION NO: 10/631,874

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FOR: FEXOFEDADINE COMPOSITION AND PROCESS FOR

PREPARING

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of April 21, 2006 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on July 21, 2006. A one-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$120 for payment of the extension fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

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Date: Aug 14, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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